



California Department of Parks and Recreation



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## MEDIA ANNOUNCEMENT

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**Gustine, CA** – The California Department of Parks and Recreation and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation will be hosting a meeting on Tuesday May 27, 2003, to provide an opportunity for members of the public to participate in developing a General Plan for Pacheco State Park in Santa Clara and Merced Counties and a joint General Plan and Resource Management Plan for San Luis Reservoir State Recreation Area in Merced County.

Pacheco State Park is a vestige of the original 50,000 acre El Rancho San Luis Gonzaga, gifted to the people of California from the late Paula Fatjo, a descendant of Francisco Pacheco. The property is south of State Route 152 along Pacheco Pass between Los Banos and Gilroy. California Department of Parks and Recreation is preparing a General Plan or vision plan for the future of the 6,800 acres and is seeking public participation and comments to craft the alternative solutions for visitor access and facilities and the future protection and management of the unique resources found at the site.

San Luis Reservoir State Recreation Area was created as part of the Central Valley and State Water Projects. Located just west of Los Banos along State Route 152, it includes the San Luis Reservoir, O'Neill Forebay and Los Banos Creek as well as extensive uplands adjacent to these areas. California Department of Parks and Recreation and US Bureau of Reclamation have teamed up to produce a joint vision plan that will guide recreation and resource protection of the area for the next 25 years.

### Public Meeting

**DATE:** Tuesday, May 27, 2003

**TIME:** 4-8pm. *(The meeting will have an open house format so it will not be necessary for you to be present for the whole session. Feel free to arrive any time from 4-8pm.)*

**LOCATION:** Four Rivers District Office  
31426 Gonzaga Road  
Gustine, CA 95322

Please plan to attend the meeting or mail your comments to the above noted address. You can visit the State Parks Web Site at [www.parks.ca.gov](http://www.parks.ca.gov) to get updated information. To access the General Plan Website from the main page, under "Related Links" click on "Planning", then under "Related Links" click on "General Plans", then under "Related Links" click on "Plans In Progress", then click on "San Luis Reservoir State Recreation Area" or "Pacheco State Park."